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Duxbury Clipper

Two Rescued in Wind Storm ✓

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Two boaters were rescued off Duxbury Harbor Monday after their boat capsized in a wind storm.

Although the weather over the Memorial Day weekend was picture perfect, high winds on Monday wreaked havoc in the bay, keeping harbor personnel busy.

"It was awful," said Harbormaster Don Beers.

Boston area Coast Guard received a 911 call saying a boat was sinking two miles north of the Duxbury lighthouse, Beers said. Harbormaster boats were scrambled from Duxbury and Plymouth in addition to the Coast Guard.

"We met very, very hazardous conditions," said Beers.

The boaters were eventually located two miles southeast of Farnham Rock in Marshfield. Two people were transported to Green Harbor, where they were treated by EMS personnel on the dock before being transported to the hospital, Beers said.

Although the rescue was the most dramatic event, Beers said he spent most of the day trying to prevent people from going out to sea on

the dangerous waters.

"It was one of those days where you stay on your toes," he said.

Beers also noted that boaters often aren't prepared for spring conditions on the water, including rough seas and cold temperatures. Hypothermia is always a risk,

however, residents are always eager to get out on the water at the first sign of nice weather.

"People don't understand how dangerous it is," Beers said. "[The wind] is pushing waves the consistency of concrete."